

REMARKS

A double patenting rejection has been entered. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection.

The Examiner has also entered prior art rejections based upon U.S. Patents 5,708,654 and 6,125,384. U.S. Patent 5,708,654 has a filing date of November 27, 1996, while U.S. Patent 6,125,384 has a filing date of December 23, 1996. On September 30, 2002, the inventor submitted a declaration in the parent application that establishes a date of invention prior to September of 1996. Accompanying the declaration are claim charts linking claim limitations to source code appendices. The pending claims are consistent with those addressed in the declaration (as acknowledged by the Examiner's double patenting rejection). Thus, the submitted declaration is fully applicable to the pending application. Since the declaration establishes an invention date prior of the filing date of the prior art or record relied upon by the Examiner, the pending rejections should be withdrawn.

In sum, all pending claims should now be in a condition for allowance. If there are any residual issues that need to be resolved prior to allowing the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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